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FROM : Ambassador Tokyo

SUBJECT: US ABM Deployment: Reactions in Japan

REF : Tokyo Telegrams 1869, 1890, 1907, 1968 of 20-22 September, 1967

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General Public Reaction: Not Much

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The cited telegrams summarized reactions in Japan over the first few days after Secretary McNamara's September 18 address announcing the U. S. decision to deploy a light ABM system. Enclosure 1, an article from Kokubo (National Defense) is a brief analysis, written a few weeks later of the initial Japanese press reaction to the U. S. decision. Now that some three months have passed, an Embassy wrap-up summary might be useful to the Department and other addressees, together with a representative sampling of ABM-related articles which have appeared in Japanese newspapers or magazines.

- Enclosures: (all unclassified)
1. Deployment of ABM's and The Tone of The Japanese Press
 2. ABM Deployment Poses Problem for US Allies
 3. ABM's and Japan
 4. America's Plan for ABM Network and Japan
 5. Soviet Union's "Orbital Bomb" Will Accelerate Military Expansion
 6. Nuclear Weapons and Japan; In Connection with ABM Setup (4 Parts)
 7. ABM Deployment Is Minus to International Situation - Probing the Possibility of Non-Nuclear ABM

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